

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the effective volume of a patient's stomach cavity comprising:

~~magnetically attracting two portions of~~
implanting a first magnetic device on an inner surface of the stomach wall cavity at a first location; and
implanting a second magnetic device on an inner surface of the stomach cavity at a second location, the first and second locations being selected to be across the stomach cavity from one another but to be movable toward one another across the stomach cavity to allow the first and second magnetic devices to contact one another as a result of magnetic attraction between the first and second magnetic devices.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 21 wherein the implanting ~~is~~steps are performed from inside the stomach cavity.

4. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 3 wherein the implanting ~~is~~steps are performed trans-orally.

5. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 21 wherein at least one of the implanting

steps is reversible by removing at least one of the magnetic devices.

6. (Original) The method defined in claim 5 wherein the removing is performed from inside the stomach cavity.

7. (Original) The method defined in claim 6 wherein the removing is performed trans-orally.

8. (Currently amended) Apparatus for reducing the effective volume of a patient's stomach cavity comprising:

first and second magnetic implants at respective first and second stomach wall locations that ~~permit the implants to magnetically interact with~~are across the stomach cavity from one another but that are movable toward one another across the stomach cavity to allow the first and second magnetic implants to contact one another as a result of magnetic attraction between the first and second magnetic implants, resulting in an application of force to the stomach wall locations.

9. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 8 wherein the force is directed toward the interior of the stomach cavity.

10. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 8 wherein the force tends to produce deflection of at least one of the stomach wall locations.

11. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 10 wherein the deflection is inwardly of the stomach cavity.

12. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 8 wherein each of the magnetic implants is configured for implanting from inside the stomach cavity.

13. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 12 wherein each of the magnetic implants is configured for implanting via catheter-like instrumentation inserted into the stomach cavity.

14. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 13 wherein the catheter-like instrumentation is trans-oral.

15. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 12 wherein at least one of the magnetic implants is configured for removal via catheter-like instrumentation inserted into the stomach cavity.

16. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 15 wherein the catheter-like instrumentation is trans-oral.

17. (Currently amended) Apparatus for reducing the effective volume of a patient's stomach cavity comprising:

instrumentation for trans-orally implanting first and second magnetic devices at respective first and second stomach wall locations that ~~permit the implants to magnetically interact with~~are across the stomach cavity from one another and but that are movable toward one another across the stomach cavity to allow the first and second magnetic implants to contact one another as a result of magnetic

attraction between the first and second magnetic implants, thereby tending to inwardly deflect at least one of the first and second stomach wall locations.

18. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 17 further comprising:

further instrumentation for trans-orally removing at least one of the magnetic devices.

19.-24. (Cancelled)